

**MINUTES**  
**Nottingham Assessing Advisory Committee**  
**NAAC**  
**Monday November 3, 2008**

**I. Call to order**

Chairman of the Advisory Assessing Committee, John McSorley called to order the meeting of the Advisory Assessing Committee at 7:29 p.m. on October 20, 2008 in the Nottingham Town Offices.

**II. Roll call**

John McSorley conducted a roll call. The following committee members were present: John McSorley, June Proko, Lisa Stevens, and Andrea Lewy. The following alternates were present: Skip Seaverns. The following members of the public were present: None.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

The meeting minutes from October 20, 2008 were reviewed and approved. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Lisa Stevens and seconded by June Proko. June Proko, Lisa Stevens, Bonnie Winona and John McSorley who were present at the October 20, 2008 meeting approved the minutes by unanimous vote.

**IV. Items discussed**

Discussion continued regarding the question, if the newly formed BOA would receive a stipend. The amount of the stipend should be weighed against the ultimate value of the Board of Assessors' overall contribution to the town. The committee will continue to try to obtain more detailed information on this question.

Committee also continued its discussion of what, if any, education would be recommended for newly elected Board of Assessor members and whether the Town of Nottingham would be willing and able to provide the funding for the cost of this education. Especially, for those who have had no prior education or experience in the field of assessing. It was noted that unlike criteria for those hired to perform assessing services such as employees and contractors, those elected to perform assessing such as selectmen or assessors elected to a board of assessors were exempt by NH law from education and experience requirements. This, however, does not extend to an exemption to follow the laws and standards of assessing practice. These include, most importantly, that assessments be at market value and that they be proportional across the spectrum of properties within the municipality.

Several committee members had attended the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) Public Forum held at the Nottingham Town Office Building on the

evening of October 28. Commentary from some members of the public centered around what the ASB intended to do regarding standards for the appraisal process in assessing the value of properties in New Hampshire. The ASB's response was to show, statistically, that by following the standards and guidelines that had since 2001 been implemented by the Legislature and the ASB in response to the NH Supreme Court ruling in Claremont II has dramatically increased the level of assessment equity throughout New Hampshire.

**V. Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made by June Proko and seconded by Lisa Stevens. Chairman of the Advisory Assessing Committee, John McSorley, adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: John McSorley